

PETER W. SHORT.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 236.]

MARCH 5, 1840.

Mr. PALEN, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Peter W. Short, of Woodstock, Ulster county, New York, report:

That from the testimony in this case, it is proven to the satisfaction of the committee, that the petitioner was a soldier in the late war with Great Britain; that he acted in the capacity of musician; that he was wounded in the shoulder at the battle of Bridgewater, and honorably discharged in consequence of such injury; that he applied for a pension under the invalid pension act, and was placed upon the roll of invalid pensioners the 1st day of March, 1815, at the rate of \$2 66 per month, which sum he received until the year 1819, when, from some cause to him unknown, the payment was suspended; that he has frequently made application to the War Department to be reinstated, but, from some technical defect in the evidence, he has been unsuccessful.

Doctor Erastus Capron, who is certified to be reputable in his profession and a credible witness, testifies that he has been the family physician of the petitioner ever since he left the army; that the disability, as stated by petitioner, has not ceased to exist at any time since the year 1819; that he has performed several surgical operations upon the wounded shoulder of the petitioner, and that, from the several operations by him performed, and from personal examinations at different times, he is well satisfied that it will not cease to exist, but must increase with the age of the petitioner.

Doctor Christopher Kierstead, who is certified to be reputable in his profession and a credible witness, fully corroborates the statement made by the last-named deponent.

There is much other testimony, as to the character of the petitioner, which the committee deem it unnecessary to mention. The committee, therefore, report a bill for his relief—disability one-third.

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Mr. TALKER, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

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The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Peter W. Short, of Westchester, Ulster county, New York, report:

That from the testimony in this case, it is proved to the satisfaction of the committee, that the petitioner was a soldier in the late war with Great Britain; that he acted in the capacity of musician; that he was wounded in the shoulder at the battle of Bridgewater, and honorably discharged in consequence of such injury; that he applied for a pension under the invalid pension act, and was placed upon the roll of invalid pensioners the 1st day of March, 1815, at the rate of \$2 66 per month, which sum he received until the year 1819, when, from some cause to him unknown, the payment was suspended; that he has frequently made application to the War Department to be reinstated, but, from some technical defect in the evidence, he has been unsuccessful.

Doctor Erasmus Capron, who is certified to be reputable in his profession and a credible witness, testifies that he has been the family physician of the petitioner ever since he left the army; that the disability, as stated by the petitioner, has not ceased to exist at any time since the year 1819; that he has performed several surgical operations upon the wounded shoulder of the petitioner, and that, from the several operations by him performed, and from personal examinations at different times, he is well satisfied that it will not cease to exist, but must increase with the age of the petitioner. Doctor Christopher Kierstead, who is certified to be reputable in his profession and a credible witness, fully corroborates the statement made by the last named deponent.

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